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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 758  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate *The Business Journal of Tri-Cities, Tenn./Va.* on the celebration of its 10th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly should honor those exemplary institutions that through their abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this state; and

WHEREAS, *The Business Journal of Tri-Cities, Tenn./Va.* is one such estimable institution, that will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, a group of entrepreneurs in the Tri-Cities area introduced an innovative publication geared towards growing businesses in the Tri-Cities/Virginia area called *The Business Journal of Upper East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the idea of a regional business publication was introduced by a member of the Jones publishing family and Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Alex S. Jones, who convinced his father, *The Greenville Sun's* publisher, John M. Jones, to establish a business publication in the Tri-Cities area; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this new publication was to attract managers and decision-makers throughout the Tri-Cities region; and

WHEREAS, Steven K. Harbison was the paper's first permanent publisher, and currently serves with acumen as vice president of Special Projects for Media Services Group of Greenville; and

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WHEREAS, under the sagacious leadership of founding editor Edward Byrd, *The Business Journal* established the Greater Tri-Cities Business Awards, the 40 Under 40 Project, which spotlights 40 rising leaders under the age of forty, and Health Care Heroes, an effort to recognize the behind-the-scenes leaders in the region's health care industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, *The Business Journal* introduced its new Website, one of the first full-service Websites established in the region; and

WHEREAS, a year later, the publication increased circulation from a monthly to a bi-monthly issue; and

WHEREAS, it is more than fitting that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate this exemplary publication as it approaches its second decade; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate *The Business Journal of Tri-Cities, Tenn./Va.* on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and wish everyone associated with this fine publication every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.